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1. United States Patent No. 4,267,268, Issued May 12, 1981;
2. United States Patent No. 4,980,277, Issued December 25, 1990;
3. United States Patent No. 5,135,759, Issued August 4, 1992;
4. United States Patent No. 5,514,537, Issued May 7, 1996;
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